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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2006. Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1-18 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-7, 10-16 are said to be drawn to drawn in part, to an expression system comprising a first expression control sequence comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, and a second expression control sequence comprising an IFN- α promoter, a vector comprising said expression system and a cultured host cell comprising said system, classified in Class 435, subclass 69.1;

II. Claims 1-7, 10-16 are said to be drawn to SEQ ID NO:3, encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4, classified in Class 435, subclass 69.1;

III. Claims 1-7, 10-16, are said to be drawn to SEQ ID NO:5, encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6, classified in Class 435, subclass 69.1;

IV. Claims 1-7, 10-16 are said to be drawn to SEQ ID NO:7, encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:8, classified in Class 435, subclass 69.1;

V. Claims 1-7, 10-16 are said to be drawn to SEQ ID NO:9, encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10, classified in Class 435, subclass 69.1;